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| For: INDIVIDUALLY ADDRESSABLE |) | |
| MICRO-ELECTROMAGNETIC UNIT |) | |
| ARRAY CHIPS |) | |
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington D.C. 20231

Sir,

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT NUMBER 1

Prior to examination, please amend the application as provided below:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1 through 40. Accordingly, claims 41 through 66 are pending upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, please delete the first paragraph that reads as follows:

-- The present application is based on People's Republic of China Application No. 99104113.5 entitled "Individually Addressable Micro-Electromagnetic Unit Array Chips, Electromagnetic Biochips and Their Applications," filed on March 15, 1999 and on an amended version of that application filed on September 16, 1999 and claims priority from these applications which are incorporated herein by reference. --

Please insert the following in its place:

"The present application is based on People's Republic of China Application No. 99104113.5 entitled "Individually Addressable Micro-Electromagnetic Unit Array Chips, Electromagnetic Biochips and Their Applications," filed on March 15, 1999, on an amended version of that application, People's Republic of China Application No. 99120320.8, filed on September 16, 1999, United States Patent application No. 09/399,299, filed on September 17, 1999 and claims priority from these applications which are incorporated herein by reference."

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are ready for examination and in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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